

Dillon Reservoir Recreation Area

Other Recreation

In addition to boating, there are a variety of activities including camping, fishing, picnicking, bicycling, hiking, kiteboarding, cross country skiing and snowshoeing.

Camping

- 325 campsites provide camping for tents, pickup campers, motor homes and trailers.
- Campgrounds are operated by concessionaires and permitted through the U.S. Forest Service.
- Group camping facilities are available by reservation.
- Camping is allowed in designated campgrounds only.
- Camping on islands is not allowed.
- Campgrounds are patrolled for your safety and assistance.
- Dump stations are located at the Breckenridge Sanitation Plant adjacent to the Blue River Inlet. It is illegal and a health hazard to dump waste and sewage at unauthorized sites within the Recreation Area.

Fishing

- Colorado Division of Wildlife annually stocks the reservoir with approximately 50,000 rainbow trout starting in late spring and continuing into the summer.
- Any person fifteen years of age or older is required to have a valid fishing license.
- Colorado Division of Wildlife regulations are enforced.
- Colorado Division of Wildlife regulations are free and available from any of the Division's authorized agents.
- Fishing is allowed on the water surface of the reservoir and along most of the 25 miles of shoreline.
- It is unlawful to fish from the dam structure, closed areas, bridges or boat ramps.

Hunting

Waterfowl hunting in designated area only. For map and information, go to:
<http://www.co.summit.co.us/OpenSpace/drrec.html>

Winter Sports

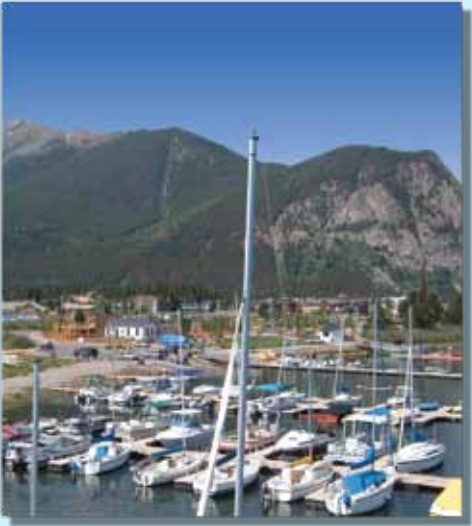
Motorized vehicles, including snowmobiles and hovercraft, are not allowed on the Dillon Reservoir ice surface. Non-motorized users, including kiteboarding, may proceed on the ice surface at their own risk.

Trails

- There are 12 miles of paved pathways within the Dillon Reservoir Recreation Area that connect to Dillon, Silverthorne, Frisco, Summit Cove, Keystone, Breckenridge, Copper Mountain and Vail as part of the 55 mile recreational pathway system in Summit County.
- Sapphire Point Trail is a half-mile loop that includes a picnic area and a scenic overlook providing a spectacular view of the reservoir and surrounding mountains.
- Most of the U.S.D.A. Forest Service campgrounds provide scenic hiking trails.
- The Dillon Nature Preserve contains several bicycle-free natural surface trails with spectacular views of the surrounding peaks.

Special Uses and Permits

The Dillon Marina and Frisco Bay Marina are hosts to several regional boat regattas and other special events. The Dillon Open is the Rocky Mountain region's premier sailing event. A fireworks show highlights the Fourth of July in Frisco. Event permits through the Dillon Reservoir Recreation Area Committee (DRReC) are required for all special events, tours and commercial activities conducted within the Recreation Area. Call 970-668-4060 for information and permit applications.



GENERAL PHONE NUMBERS

Dillon Marina	970-468-5100
Frisco Bay Marina	970-668-4334
Summit County Dispatch	970-668-8600
Division of Wildlife	970-725-6200
Local Division of Wildlife	970-262-9316
U.S. Forest Service	970-468-5400
Camp Reservations for the White River National Forest	877-444-6777

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Welcome to Dillon Reservoir

Boating at Dillon Reservoir

In the heart of Summit County lies one of Colorado's

most scenic recreation areas, the Dillon Reservoir Recreation Area. Encircled by Swan Mountain and the dramatic Gore and Ten Mile mountain ranges, the 3,300-acre Dillon Reservoir boasts 25 miles of pine forested shoreline. Reservoir Facilities include:

- Two boat launching sites - one launch site at each marina
- Two full-service marinas - Dillon and Frisco Bay Dock, mooring, dry, and rack storage facilities:
 - Gasoline docks
 - Boat rentals, tours, lessons
 - Boat dump station at both marinas
- National Forest Campgrounds for R.V. and tent camping

Facts and History

- Dillon Reservoir is owned and operated by the Denver Water Board.
- Proceeds from recreation stay in Summit County for the management of recreational activities on the reservoir.
- Dillon Dam is 5,888 feet long by 231 feet high. Storage capacity is 254,036 acre feet.
- Largest water storage facility for the Denver Water Board.
- Water is diverted from the Blue River Basin through Harold D. Roberts Tunnel under the Continental Divide into the South Platte River Basin and Denver's storage facilities on the Front Range.
- Water level fluctuates with variable availability and demand for drinking and irrigation water.
- Construction of the dam began in 1961 and was completed in 1963. The reservoir was filled for the first time in 1964.
- The old Dillon townsite lies beneath the reservoir southeast of the Dillon Overlook. Many structures from the old townsite were dismantled and reconstructed at the present Dillon townsite and in other nearby towns.
- Local rules and regulations regarding recreational activity on the reservoir aim to protect and maintain personal safety, water quality and the rural mountain character of the area.

Rules and Regulations

Boaters must observe the Summit County and Colorado Boating Statutes and Regulations. Go to www.parks.state.co.us

Water Contact

- Due to the cold temperatures and water quality concerns, water contact, including wading, swimming, scuba diving, water skiing, wakeboarding, tubing, PWC's, and other water contact related activities, are prohibited at the Recreation Area. Windsurfing and Paddle Boarding with a full body wet or dry suit is permissible.
- **30 mph speed limit:** It is unlawful for any boat or vessel to travel at speeds in excess of 30 mph at any time under any circumstance, excluding law enforcement and emergency response operations.
- **Watercraft/Activities Prohibited :**
- Hovercraft and personal watercraft are prohibited on Dillon Reservoir.
- Vessels equipped with an above transom exhaust are not allowed on Dillon Reservoir. Classic wooden boats, inboard sailboat engines with a muffler, and vessels equipped with a captain's switch are exempt from this restriction.
- Wakeboarding, waterskiing, paraskiing, paragliding, and parasailing are prohibited within the Recreation Area.
- **All campfires of any nature are limited** to locations where fireplace grills or fire rings have been provided. Never leave a campfire unattended. Always comply with U.S. Forest Service and local fire bans.
- **Please dispose of all litter**, waste water and fish entrails in proper trash containers.
- **Motorized vehicles**, including automobiles and motorcycles must remain on designated roadways and must be licensed. Check with the U.S. Forest Service for regulations on motorized vehicles within the campgrounds.
- Self propelled wheelchairs used for the transportation of mobility impaired individuals are exempt.
- **Please keep pets under control** at all times, clean up after your pets and keep them on a leash in compliance with local animal regulations.
- **Trespassing** is not allowed on any dam structure, spillway, facility building or other closed areas.

Boating Safety Tips

- Dillon Reservoir is a cold-water, high-altitude reservoir that can experience sudden changes in weather conditions. Check the local weather conditions and forecasts prior to leaving the dock. Watch for increasing afternoon winds, dark clouds and rough water. Be aware that there are unmarked hazards and fluctuating water levels.
- **Make a complete inspection of your boat** and equipment before leaving the dock, checking for cracks and damage to the hull, and confirming that all equipment is in good working condition.
- Boat operators are required by County and State laws to carry safety equipment specified for the size and type of boat, which includes Personal Flotation Device (PFD), navigation lights, backfire flame control, fire extinguishers, audible devices such as whistles and muffler and ventilation systems.
- Proper number and size of PFD's and fire extinguishers are required to be readily accessible; fire extinguishers should be kept in a location away from the engine and fuel tanks.
- **PFD's** must be worn at all times by children 13 years and under.
- Boating is similar to driving a vehicle - you should **operate defensively**, watch out for the other boats and always use courtesy on the water. If you are in doubt as to the speed of an area, or who has the right-of-way, slow down or yield to the other boater. Operation of a boat while under the influence of alcohol or drugs is against the law.

Aquatic Nuisance Species

- Boat inspections are required for all boats on Dillon Reservoir. Inspections are available at both the Dillon and Frisco Bay Marinas. Please check out www.friscobaymarina.com or www.dillonmarina.com for more information on the inspection process, and hours of operation at the launch ramps.

Boat Registration

All motorized vessels and sailboats on the water's surface are required to be properly registered through the Colorado State Parks and Registration Unit (303-791-1920) and must display the registration number in the proper location on the vessel.

Boat Ramps

Boat ramps are located at the Dillon Marina and Frisco Bay Marina. All boats, except inflatables, canvas boats, canoes and other portable hand craft must be launched from one of the boat ramps. Vehicles are not allowed to park on the boat ramps, except during loading and unloading. Launching is free.

Boat Trailer Storage

Boaters can store their trailers for the day at the lot on Lodgepole Street in Dillon and in designated areas at the Frisco Bay Marina.

Boat Rental and Tours

Fishing boats, runabouts, pontoons, and sailboats can be rented at both the Dillon and Frisco Bay marinas. Sailboat tours and sailing lessons are also available at both marinas. Canoes, kayaks, paddle boats and rowing shell rentals are available from the Frisco Bay Marina.

Docking and Mooring

The marinas in Dillon and Frisco provide dock and mooring spaces for boats on a seasonal basis. Boat camping, on approved watercraft, is allowed only at the Dillon Marina and Frisco Bay Marina. Mooring and beaching of a vessel is permitted only in designated U.S. Forest Service campground sites. Be courteous and observe the posted time limits for docking at any public facility.

Restaurants and Water Taxi

There are two restaurants located on the waterfront. The Tiki Bar is located at the Dillon Marina. The Island Grill is located at the Frisco Bay Marina. Both restaurants are seasonal and serve a variety of food and drinks. The Lake Dillon Water Taxi runs between the Frisco and Dillon Marina courtesy docks.

Law Enforcement

The Summit County Sheriff's Department provides visitor information and patrols the water surface, campgrounds, trails and shoreline areas of the Recreation Area, outside the town boundaries.

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In the event of an accident or an emergency situation, **call 911** to contact law enforcement, fire, ambulance or search and rescue.